

ACT 8

S.B. NO. 2601

A Bill for an Act Relating to Documents Sealed Upon Filing.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 560, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§560:1- Documents sealed upon filing. In any action or proceeding under this chapter in the circuit court having jurisdiction in matters relating to the affairs of decedents, the following documents shall be sealed upon filing:

- (1) Birth certificate;
- (2) Marriage certificate;
- (3) Death certificate;
- (4) Tax return;
- (5) Kokua kanawai’s report;
- (6) Court-ordered professional evaluation; and
- (7) Responses and objections to a kokua kanawai’s report or a professional evaluation.

The foregoing documents shall remain sealed unless otherwise ordered by the court; provided that the clerk, without further court order, may unseal and provide a copy of a report or evaluation pursuant to section 560:5-307 or 560:5-407.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

(Approved April 17, 2006.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.